

Oaks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

# Oaks Notes

*Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.*

## October Sermon Series

on

The Parable of  
The Prodigal Son  
Luke 15:11-24

By

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Interim Pastor

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## Where will you serve in 2008?

### WORSHIP MINISTRY

1. It shall be the purpose of this Ministry to lead the membership in a meaningful and growing experience of worship in the public services and to enrich personal and family devotional life.
2. It shall be responsible for, in conjunction with the Minister(s), developing congregational worship experiences, with attention given to special days of the Church.
3. It shall oversee communion and baptism, including preparation and supplies.
4. It shall assist in planning the musical program with the Music Director and the Senior Minister.
5. It shall provide opportunities for personal devotional activities.
6. It shall be responsible for coordination and scheduling of ushers.
7. It shall be responsible for the development of the Acolyte and Junior Deacon program.
8. It shall be responsible for the supply of Interim Minister, guest ministers and/or speakers in the absence of the Senior Minister.

### STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

1. It shall be the purpose of this Ministry to educate and promote within the congregation sound Biblical principles of stewardship, personal financial management and planned giving. Its goal is to help the congregation recognize God's ownership of all that we have, and consequently, our responsibility to be good

stewards of what God has entrusted us with.

2. It shall be responsible for the preparation of the Church budget.
3. It shall be responsible for the solicitation of pledges to fund the budget.

### EVANGELISM MINISTRY

1. It shall be the purpose of this Ministry to cultivate and nurture the spirit of the Great Commission\* within the congregation and within the community.

*\*Matthew 28:19: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."*

2. It shall be responsible for, in conjunction with the Minister(s), developing and administering a year-round program of evangelism, which reaches into every age level and every phase of congregational life.
3. It shall be responsible for, in conjunction with the Minister(s), directing special evangelistic projects.
4. It shall be responsible for, in conjunction with the Minister(s), the development and coordination of a visitation program with prospective members.
5. It shall be responsible for obtaining adequate publicity for the Church relative to the worship services, Church programs, social activities of the Church and efforts of the Church to serve the entire community.



## OAKS CHRISTIAN CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER 2007

### November

- 6 Preparation for to be determined event on the 10th at 10:00 a.m.  
Executive Committee, 7:00 p.m.  
Birthday Celebrations, 12:15 p.m.
- 10 To be determined event
- 13 Love Meal, 10:00 a.m.  
General Board, 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Visitation, Meet for lunch at 11:00 a.m.  
Calling on shut ins at 1:00 p.m.
- 27 General Meeting—Covered dish 6:00 p.m.

### Every Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship -  
Fellowship after Worship
- 4:45 p.m. Youth Groups

### Every Wednesday

- 6:30 p.m. Praise Ringers
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Youth Talk

### Did You Know?

Oaks has two funds that people can contribute to in memory of someone or to honor someone.

One is the Memorial Fund and the other is the Kirchner Scholarship Fund.

We have other ways to designate funds. All one needs to do is write a note attached to the check made to Oaks Christian Church or to denote the designation in the "Memo" line.

### Weekdays (Other Groups)

- Mondays Girl Scouts, 6:30 p.m.  
Hugs Not Drugs, 8:00 p.m.
- Thursdays Shoulder to Shoulder, 6:30 p.m.  
Narcotics Anonymous, 8:00 p.m.
- Fridays Shoulder to Shoulder, 6:30 p.m.
- Saturdays Gray Sheet, 9:00 a.m.

### Every Thursday

- 6:30 P.M. Women's Bible Study

**Pastor Andy's**  
**Cell # 281/450-9008**

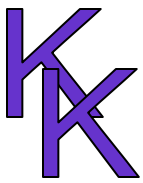
### November Anniversaries

- 5 Joe and Jimmye Saldivar
- 7 Al and Charlotte Leissner
- 8 Chris and Kathy King
- 12 Joe and Karen Davis
- 16 Keith and Sherri Murray
- 21 Shannon and Kondi Nobles
- 22 Joe Louis and Jennifer Saldivar
- 27 Bill and Verna Odena



### November Birthdays

- 2 Pat McCoy
- 8 Albert Green
- 9 Rick Croix
- 12 Charles Slocum
- 13 Kathy Sanders
- 15 Jacob Salinas
- 16 Irene Anderau
- 17 Louise Pitts
- 18 Nancy Green
- 19 Rod King
- 20 Jessica Luna
- 22 Susan Hirt Dyes
- 23 Carolyn Anderson
- 24 Joyce McQueen
- 25 Marion Dixon, Dill Odena
- 26 Terry Hudson, Michael Simons
- 27 Don Whitley
- 30 Amber Leissner, Lance Leissner



Kim's Korner



# Oaks Christian Church TRUNK OR TREAT Safe Family Fun for All

Last Sunday in October  
6:00pm-8:00pm

We are located at the  
corner of Ella and Bethlehem  
in the 5000 block of Ella

We will gather on our  
parking lot for  
games and treats  
and a special surprise at the  
end of the parking lot



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**Hello Everyone! — Katie Spencer**

I want to share with you something I am very excited about. I visited Cypress Creek Christian Church on a Sunday to pick up the youth from a Rally and this church offered something that was heart felt. They had these cards to fill out offering to give prayer to a loved one. The way it works is if you had someone you wish to receive a prayer you would fill out a card with the persons name and address, a little note concerning what type of prayer and this way we would know what to pray for. You would

also say who offered the request of prayer. The church in return sends this loved one a prayer in the mail from our congregation. I tested this out and they sent a card to someone I felt that needed a prayer and she was overwhelmed with gratitude. This meant so much to me I would like to do this at our church and I will take care of handling this. Sally Johnson has been so kind to help and has made the beautiful white church prayer box in the Northex. Kim Johnson has also graciously offered to help me make up the

prayer cards which she is working on now, but in the mean time if you have someone who needs a prayer please put on a piece of paper the name and address of the person and a short note of what kind of prayer like get well, cheer up, thinking of you and/or sympathy. If you want us to mention your name please enclose it and put it in the white church prayer box and I will take care of your loved one. I really hope you take part in this prayer gift. It could mean so much too someone you care about. *Thanks, Katie*

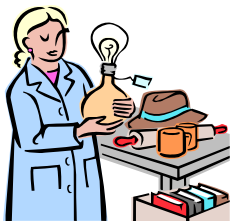
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## Oaks Christian Church

*Bound Together in Love*



### **VOLUNTEERS FOR MANNA NEEDED**

Providing food pantry goods, other items, and services for Manna is one of Oaks Christian Church's most worthwhile ministries. For more information call Ruby at 713/686-6440.

## **Board Happenings — Bob Simons**

The stewardship campaign and search for the 2008 leadership team for Oaks are now well underway. Remember that stewardship is not just money but time and talent as well. Think about how you can use your time and talents to serve your church next year. If you don't feel ready to be a ministry team leader or officer, try and find an area of our ministry through which you can make a difference in our church and community. Don't be a watcher, be a doer.

Oaks Youth Skit Trip - The ski trip in 2006 was such a success that we are doing it again this year but with more people. We are leaving Houston on December 26 and returning from Red River on January 1. Please contact Bob Simons 713-983-86907 for prices and details.